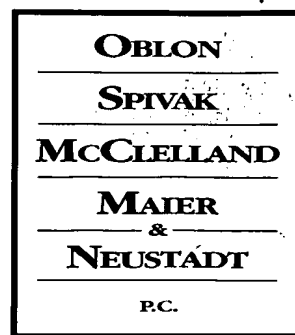




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In response to the Office Correspondence mailed July 15, 2002, Applicants
respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 30 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing. The
sequence information recorded in the substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing is
identical to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing filed June 17, 2002 (a copy of
which is appended herewith, along with the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing timely
filing thereof). No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the
substitute computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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